1	2	3	4
सिक्किम	3.677	3.720	4.650
तमिलनाडु	20.190	34.700	42.356
त्रिपुरा	3.040	3.500	8.990
उत्तर प्रदेश	47.248	76.472	86.160
पश्चिम बंगाल	18.240	29.520	28.245
अण्डमान व निको० दीप०	0.000	0.000	0.000
चण्डीगढ़	0.000	0.000	0.000
दादर व नागर हवेली	0.000	0.300	0.250
दिल्ली	0.072	0.197	0.000
लक्षद्वीप	0.000	0.400	0.000
पांडिचेरी	0.130	0.260	0.130
दामन व दीव	0.220	0.965	0.000
	362.560	622.732	675.959

Benefits to retired Central Government Employees

1087. SHRI PARAG CHALIAHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of different kinds of facilities the retired Central Government employees are entitled to, besides terminal benefits;

(b) whether Government are considering improvement in the existing ones; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Besides the terminal benefits like pension, gratuity etc., the retired Central Govt. employees are entitled to the facility of the Central Government Health Scheme on payment of nominal contribution based on the last pay drawn at the time of their retirement. This benefit is admissible to those pensioners who were covered under the Scheme while in service.

(b) and (c) The Fifth Central Pay Commission under its terms of reference is required to examine existing pension structure including death-cum-retirement benefits and make recommendations relating there to. Govt. will consider the recommendations only after the Report has been submitted by the Pay Commission.

Use of Mono-Sodium Glutamate in Foods

1088. SHRI B.K. HARIPARASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been gross violation of laws permitting the use of Mono-Sodium Glutamate in foods, especially in fast-food joints serving chicken etc. all over the country;

(b) under the PFA Act, 1954, what is the maximum stipulated content of MSG in a ready-to-serve food;

(c) whether it is a fact that even with a toxic rating one percent, there exist a link between MSG and distress syndromes after consuming fast food/Chinese food; and

(d) what is the total import bill for MSG (Ajino-moto) in the country and

whether any R&D work is being undertaken towards formulation of an indigenous taste enhancer, preferably of vegetable origin?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) One case of violation relating to the excess use of Mono-sodium Glutamate in fried chicken has been brought to the notice of Government.

(b) As per the provision of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1995, Mono-sodium Glutamate may be added to a food article provided the total Glutamate content of the ready-to-serve food does not exceed 1 percent. It shall not be added to any food for use by the infant below twelve months.

(c) According to F.A.O./WHO experts, the consumption of M.S.G. based on technological necessity and consumer's acceptibility, does not represent a health hazard.

(b) As per the information furnished by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, the total import bill for Mono-sodium Glutamate (Ajino-moto) is as under:—

Year	Value (Rs. in lakhs)
1994-95	281.44
1995-96 (April-May, 1995)	6.22

According to the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore no R & D work is being undertaken towards formulation of an indigenous taste enhancer from vegetable origin at present.

Tax incentives for investment in Research and Development

1089. SHRI K.M. KHAN Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as reported in certain columns of Press on 10th November, 1995 Industry has failed to take advantage of the tax incentives given by the Ministry of Finance last year for investments in Research and Development;

(b) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether Governemnt propose to take some steps to avoid such situation in future and also to compel industry to make proper use of such tax incentives; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Finance Minister in his Budget Speech for 1993-94 introduced a provision of weighted tax deduction of 125% for sponsored research.

When an assessee makes a contribution to a National Laboratory under the aegis of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Indian Council of Medical Research or Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, he or she gets a weighted tax deduction of 125% of the contribution. The scheme was operationalised through a Gazettee notification No. S.O. 684 (E) dated 15 September, 1993. The scope of coverage of the scheme was widened by the Finance Minister in his budget speech for 1994-95 to cover all Universities, deemed Universities, Indian Institutes of Technology and Scientific Laboratories under the aegis of the Defence Research & Development Organisation, Department of Electronics, Department of Bio-technology and Department of Atomic Energy. This was operationalised through a Gazette notification No. S.O. 837(E) dated 23 November 1994. The scheme has been very widely publicised